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SUBJECT:MISSION OF SPECIAL EMISSARY TO SOMALIA:
TALKING POINTS

REF: A. STATE 07767I

I. FOLLOWING TALKING POINTS ARE PROVIDED FOR YOUR USE IN BRIEFING DJIBOUTI GOVERNMENT ON RESULTS OF MISSION TO MOGADISCIO OF SPECIAL PRESIDENTIAL EMISSARY MOOSE.

A. THE SPECIAL EMISSARY HAD FOUR LONG AND DETAILED DISCUSSIONS WITH SIAD. A MAJOR SUBJECT OF THE
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DISCUSSIONS WAS THE IMPORTANCE WHICH PRESIDENT CARTER ATTACHES TO SOMALIA RESPECTING ALL OF ITS NEIGHBORS' TERRITORY.

B. THE DISCUSSIONS ALSO COVERED SOMALIA'S NEEDS IN THE FIELDS OF RELIEF, DEVELOPMENT AND DEFENSE, AND THE POSSIBLE ROLE OF THE U.S. IN MEETING SOME OF

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THESE NEEDS.

C. THE SPECIAL EMISSARY MADE CLEAR THE WILLINGNESS OF THE U.S. TO PROVIDE FURTHER HUMANITARIAN RELIEF TO

SOMALIA, TO CONTINUE ONGOING DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE ACTIVITIES AND TO CONSIDER INCREASING DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE TO SOMALIA. AS THE GOVERNMENT OF DJIBOUTI IS AWARE, THE UNITED STATES INTENDS TO CONTINUE TO PROVIDE HUMANITARIAN AND DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE TO ALL THE COUNTRIES OF THE REGION.

D. IN THE DEFENSE FIELD, THE EMISSARY CONFIRMED THE WILLINGNESS OF THE U.S. TO PROVIDE SOMALIA WITH SOME MILITARY EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES FOR DEFENSIVE PURPOSES. THE EMISSARY MADE CLEAR TO PRESIDENT SIAD THAT THE PROVISION OF ANY SUCH ITEMS WOULD BE CONTINGENT ON OUR RECEIVING ASSURANCES CONCERNING SOMALIA'S RESPECT FOR THE TERRITORY OF ETHIOPIA, DJIBOUTI AND KENYA. NO SPECIFIC AGREEMENT WAS REACHED DURING MOOSE'S VISIT REGARDING MILITARY ASSISTANCE.

E. THE EMISSARY ALSO DISCUSSED WITH PRESIDENT SIAD THE QUESTION OF THE NEED FOR A LONG-TERM RESOLUTION TO THE UNDERLYING PROBLEMS OF THE HORN REGION,

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INCLUDING THE PROBLEM OF THE UNDEFINED PORTION OF THE BORDER BETWEEN ETHIOPIA AND SOMALIA. THE U.S. SIDE ASSURED THE SOMALI GOVERNMENT OF OUR SUPPORT FOR PEACEFUL EFFORTS TOWARDS A JUST AND LASTING SOLUTION THAT WOULD PREVENT THE RECURRENCE OF PROBLEMS IN THE OGADEN.

F. THE RESULTS OF THE MISSION ARE NOW UNDER REVIEW IN WASHINGTON. COOPER

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